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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: Antonio Lanzara 4316 Leiper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124 1515 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 Address of Defendant: Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Philadelphia (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) No⊠X Yes□ Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE IF ANY Date Terminated: Judge Case Number: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within NoXX Yes one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this No XX Yes□ 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action No ZX in this court? CIVIL: (Place in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: A. Federal Question Cases: 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts Other Contracts Airplane Personal Injury 2. TELA 3. Assault, Defamation ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury 4.

Marine Personal Injury ☐ Antitrust ☐ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury ☐ Patent Other Personal Injury (Please specify) ☐ Labor-Management Relations 7. Products Liability Civil Rights Products Liability - Asbestos ☐ Habeas Corpus ☐ All other Diversity Cases (Please specify) 10. D Social Security Review Cases 11. All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check appropriate Category) _, counsel of record do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$100,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; Relief other than monetary damages is sought. DATE: _ Attorney I.D.# Attorney-at-Law NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending of within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: September 4, 2009

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ANTONIO LANZARA 4316 Leiper Street Philadelphia, PA 19124

Plaintiff

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Jury Trial Demanded

JEFFREY CUJDIK a.k.a. JEFFREY CJUDIK, Badge 6688 individually and in his capacity as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City Solicitor's Office 1515 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 and

ROBERT MCDONNELL. individually and in his capacity as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City Solicitor's Office 1515 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 and

SGT. JOSEPH BOLOGNA, individually and in his capacity as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City Solicitor's Office 1515 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 and

OFFICER JOHN DOE a.k.a. "additional police personnel," individually and in his capacity as a Police Officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City Solicitor's Office 1515 Arch Street

Civil Action No:

Philadelphia , PA 19102 and

THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA c/o City Solicitor's Office 1515 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19102

Defendants

COMPLAINT

- Plaintiff is Antonio Lanzara, an adult male who resides at 4316 Leiper
 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124.
- Defendant is the City of Philadelphia, a city of the first class of the
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who owns, operates, manages, directs,
 and controls the Philadelphia Police Department which employs the
 defendant police officers.
- 3. Defendant, Jeffrey Cujdik, at all times relevant to this Complaint, was and/or is a police officer with the City of Philadelphia, acting under color of state law, pursuant to either official policy, custom, or practice of the Philadelphia Police Department and/or City of Philadelphia. This defendant is being sued in both his individual and official capacity. This officer was acting in concert and conspiracy with other known and unknown defendant police officers.
- 4. Defendant, Robert McDonnell, Jr., at all times relevant to this Complaint, was and/or is a police officer with the City of Philadelphia, acting under color of state law, pursuant to either official policy, custom, or practice of the Philadelphia Police Department and/or City of Philadelphia. This defendant is being sued in both his individual and official capacity. This

officer was acting in concert and conspiracy with other known and unknown defendant police officers.

5. This is a civil action

- This is a civil action
 seeking damages against
 the defendants for
 committing acts that
 deprived the Plaintiff of
 rights secured under the
 Constitution and the laws
 of the United States of
 America, pursuant to Title
 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and
 1988 and state law tort
 claims.
- 6. This Court has jurisdiction to adjudicate Plaintiff's claim under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343. Plaintiff asserts federal claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988. Plaintiff also invokes the Court's supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 7. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28
 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because all parties reside or maintain their principal
 place of business in the District, and because all claims accrued within
 the District.

COUNT I

8. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-7 as though set forth here at length.

- 9. On or about July 14, 2006, Officers Cujdik and McDonnell presented a sworn affidavit of probable cause and applied for a warrant to search 4752 Melrose Street, a property which is owned by Antonio Lanzara and Search Warrant No. 123775 was issued.
- 10. On or about July 14, 2006, Officers Cuidik and McDonnell presented a sworn affidavit of probable cause and applied for a warrant to search 4316 Leiper Street, the residence of Antonio Lanzara, and Search Warrant No. 123073 was issued.
- 11. The sworn statement which served as probable cause attested that the Confidential Informant No. 103, later discovered to be Ventura Martinez, had been inside 4752 Melrose Street sometime during the month of July 2006, and observed several pounds of marijuana in the basement of the house.
- 12. The sworn statement which served as probable cause also attested that Ventura Martinez had been inside 4316 Leiper Street where he observed several handguns and shot guns and an ammunition reloading center.
- 13. Confidential Informant, Ventura Martinez, has since publicly attested that he fabricated evidence by lying in his sworn statements to create probable cause for Officer Cuidik to get search and seizure warrants to illegally enter the homes of his suspects and because Martinez was paid large sums of money for his information.
- 14. Plaintiff, Antonio Lanzara, attests that he never met Ventura Martinez and that Martinez was never inside the Plaintiff's home, as was alleged in the sworn statement of probable cause given by the police.

- 15. Jeffrey Cujdik violated a police regulation requiring that all relationships and interaction between confidential informants and officers be kept professional and objective by having Ventura Martinez as a tenant in his home and maintaining a personal relationship with him of such nature that Martinez's children referred to Cujdik as "Uncle Jeff."
- 16. Plaintiff was arrested and charged with serious drug and weapon offenses and was required to post \$50,000 in bail for pre-trial release.
- 17. Plaintiff's charges were later withdrawn.
- 18. On or about February 2009, the Plaintiff learned for the first time that the confidential informant admitted that he never met either Antonio or Luigi Lanzara when the Daily News began a series or articles entitled

 Perverted Justice which concerned in part the arrests of the Lanzaras.
- 19. Until the time the articles ran, the Lanzaras had no way to know who confidential informant 103 was in order to dispute the informant's claims that he knew Antonio and Luigi Lanzara and had been inside their homes.
- 20. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' actions, plaintiff suffers serious and permanent trauma.
- 21. At all times material hereto, the City of Philadelphia was charged with the responsibility and duty of testing, hiring, training, and supervising the employees of the Philadelphia Police Department, including the defendants, and all the police officers present at the incident complained of herein.
- 22. As a direct and proximate result of the actions and/or failure to act of all the defendants, plaintiffs suffered and continue to suffer pain, financial

- loss, loss of reputation, disreputable notoriety, alienation, and emotional distress, some or all of which might be permanent.
- 23. At all times relevant to this Complaint, defendants were acting within their official capacity and acting within the scope of their employment, and under the color of state law.
- 24. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the actions taken by all defendants deprived plaintiffs of constitutional and statutory rights.

COUNT I

(42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1988)

Policy and Customs for the Use of Confidential Informants

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-24 as though set forth here at length.
- 26. As a direct and proximate result of the policy/custom regarding the use of confidential informants, employed by the City of Philadelphia, committed under the color of state law, plaintiff was deprived of his right to be free from unlawful detention, the unreasonable use of force, to be secure in his person or property, and in due process of law. As a result, plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer harm, in violation of plaintiff's rights under the laws and Constitution of the United States, particularly the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 27. Insufficient auditing and monitoring of the individuals enlisted as confidential informants, by the City of Philadelphia, allows for the abuse of

protections afforded the status of a confidential informant in search warrants, and the consequential violation of constitutional and civil rights of the plaintiff.

28. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of all defendants, plaintiff sustained pain, permanent injury, emotional distress, and financial losses, all to plaintiff's detriment.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgement in excess of \$100,000.00, for punitive damages in excess of \$100,000.00, plus interest, costs, attorney's fees and such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just.

COUNT II

(42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1988)

Unreasonable Search and Seizure

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-28 as though set forth here at length.
- 30. As a direct and proximate result of all defendants' conduct, committed under color of state law, plaintiff was deprived of his right to be free from unlawful detention, arrest and prosecution, unreasonable search, to be secure in his person and property and to due process of law. As a result, plaintiff suffers and continues to suffer harm, in violation of the plaintiff's rights under the laws and Constitution of the United States, in particular the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments thereto, and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 31. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of all defendants, plaintiff sustained pain, permanent injury, emotional distress, and financial and

reputational losses, all to plaintiff's detriment.

WHEREFORE plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants for compensatory damages in amount in excess of \$100,000.00, for punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00, plus interest, costs, attorney's fees and such other relief as this honorable court may deem just.

COUNT III

(42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988)

Failure to Train and Supervise

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-31 as though set forth here at length.
- 33. The defendant city of Philadelphia has encouraged, tolerated, ratified and has been deliberately indifferent to the following patterns, practices and customs, as well as the need for adequate training, supervision, and/or discipline in the areas of:
 - A. Employing the proper personnel at the execution of a Search Warrant.
 - B. Prohibiting officers with relationships that may compromise the effective policing responsibility afforded by the nature of their occupation from participating on the same squad, unit or search warrant execution team.
 - C. The proper manner in which to conduct police operations during the execution of a search warrant where children are present.
 - D. The proper procedures for use of confidential informants.
 - E. The appropriate nature of relationships between officers and confidential informants.

34. As a direct and proximate result of the above averments, plaintiff has been deprived of his rights secured by the United States Constitution, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants in amount in excess of \$100,000.00, for punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00 plus interests, costs, attorney's fees and such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just.

COUNT IV

(42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988)

Supervisor Liability

- 35. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-34 as though set forth here at length.
- 36. A defendant City of Philadelphia police supervisor was present at and during the time of the execution of the search warrant on July 16, 2006.
- 37. A defendant City of Philadelphia police supervisor had the duty, ability, authority, and opportunity to intervene, prevent, and stop the unconstitutional treatment of the plaintiff.
- 38. A defendant City of Philadelphia police supervisor willfully, intentionally, knowingly, negligently, and with a reckless disregard for the well-being plaintiff, failed to act, under such circumstances whereupon the inaction conveyed a message of approval of the misconduct, said misconduct constituting a violation of the plaintiff's civil rights.

39. As a direct and proximate result of the defendant City of Philadelphia police supervisor's failure to act, the plaintiff suffered the injuries described in this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants for compensatory damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00, for punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00, plus interest, costs, attorney's fees and such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just.

COUNT V

(42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988) <u>Malicious Prosecution</u> <u>False Arrest</u>

- 40. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-39 as though set forth here at length.
- 41. Plaintiff was charged and prosecuted maliciously by the defendants.
- 42. Defendants did not have probable cause to arrest and charge plaintiff with criminal offenses.
- 43. Information regarding the veracity and reliability of the testimony and evidence given by confidential informant #103 in the sworn statements of Officer Cujdik have been publically repudiated by confidential informant #103 and other information has been published in the Philadelphia Daily News that ought to alert the Defendant City of Philadelphia to the questionable nature of these charges.

44. As a direct and proximate cause of the defendant's false arrest of the plaintiff, the plaintiff suffered the injuries described in this complaint.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants for compensatory damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00, for punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00, plus interest, costs, attorney's fees and such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just.

COUNT VI

Pendant State Claims

- 45. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-44 as though set forth here at length.
- 46. The acts, omissions, and conduct of all defendants in this cause of action constitute defamation, slander, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and Due Process violations of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and state law. This court has supplemental jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate these claims.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants for compensatory damages in amount in excess of \$100,000.00, for punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$100,000.00, plus interest, costs, attorney's fees and such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just.

ALL COUNTS

47. Plaintiff incorporates the provisions of paragraphs 1-46 as though set forth here at length.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully respects that this Honorable Court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against all defendants and to award plaintiff the following relief:

- (a) Compensatory damages against all defendants;
- (b) Punitive damages against all defendants;
- (c) Plaintiff's attorney's fees, expert witness fees and all other costs of suit;
- (d) Such other relief as the Court deems appropriate; and
- (e) A jury trial as to each defendant and as to each count

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